

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening and said second end including a second loop defining a second, larger opening, wherein the first opening is sized to be smaller than the second opening wherein a central axis of said first opening is non-parallel with a central axis of said second opening when said coupling device is in its static condition;

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;

inserting said second loop through said first opening; and

pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising sliding the second loop over a wrist of a user.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the coupling device further comprises a size adjustment collar slidably coupled to said second loop.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising sliding said size adjustment collar along said second loop in the direction of the user's wrist.

19. (Currently amended) A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening and said second end including a second loop defining a second opening, wherein [[the]] a central axis of [[the]] said first opening is non-parallel with [[the]] a central axis of [[the]] said second opening when said coupling device is in its static state;

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;

inserting said second loop through said first opening without rotating said central axis of said first opening more than 45 degrees from said static condition with respect to said central axis of said second opening; and

pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device.

20. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising sliding the second loop over a wrist of a user.

21. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein the coupling device further comprises a size adjustment collar slidably coupled to said second loop.

22. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising sliding said size adjustment collar along said second loop in the direction of the user's wrist.

23. (Currently amended) A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening and said second end including a second loop defining a second opening, wherein a central axis of said first opening is non-parallel with a central axis of said second opening when said coupling device is in its static condition, and having a friction-engaging size adjustment collar slidably coupled to said second loop;

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;

inserting said second loop through said first opening without rotating said central axis of said first opening more than 45 degrees from said static condition with respect to said central axis of said second openings; and

pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device;

sliding the second loop over a wrist of a user; and

sliding said friction-engaging size adjustment collar along said second loop in the direction of the user's wrist.

24. (New) The device of Claim 15, further comprising inserting said second loop through said first opening without rotating said central axis of said first opening more than 30 degrees from said static condition with respect to said central axis of said second openings.

25.(New) The device of Claim 23, further comprising inserting said second loop through said first opening without rotating said central axis of said first opening more than 30 degrees from said static condition with respect to said central axis of said second openings.